

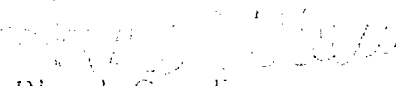
September 12, 2008

Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
101 W Ohio Street
Indianapolis, In 46204

Dear State Soil Conservation Board

The Crawford County SWCD would like to request an extension to the CWI Grant Number 7-CWI-413. Due to uncontrollable circumstances we were unable to complete the septic workshop. We are now trying to partner with the Patoka Lake Watershed Committee in hopes of holding a septic workshop in the near future. We appreciate your consideration of this request

Sincerely,


Rhonda Crecelius
District Office Manager



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
PROGRAM MARKETING
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Program Marketing
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name:

Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Purdue Extension Office/Crawford	\$500.00	6. NACD	
2. Crawford Co Cattleman's Association	\$1,000.00	7. Lincoln Hills RC&D	\$400.00
3. NRCS	\$300.00	8.	
4. Crawford County Highway Department	\$250.00	9.	
5. Floyd County SWCD	\$100.00	10.	
			Total
			\$2,550.00

Grantee Address:

Address 309 Oak Hill Circle PO Box 189
City/State/Zip English, In 47118

Grantee Contact Name: Rhonda Crecelius

Title District Office Manager
Address 309 Oak Hill Circle
City/State/Zip English, In 47118
County Crawford
Telephone 812-338-3224
E-mail rhonda.crecelius@tin.nacdnst.net

Grant Amount:

\$5,373.00

Project Start Date:

Immediately

Project Expiration Date:

Dec-07

Federal ID Number:

35-1263471

Signature Authority (District Chairman):

Name William Breeding

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)

no

Project Title and Short Description: Crawford County Conservation Information Program

The project serves to inform and educate the general public, students and land users on natural resource conservation issues, conservation measures to address those issues and opportunities available for technical and financial assistance through various county, state and federal agencies and programs. The Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District proposes to accomplish these activities by planning and hosting two field days (Cattleman's and no-till), two educational workshops (Riverwatch and Septic System 101), developing a web-site, and by distributing informational material through SWCD quarterly newsletter, our local newspaper, WBRO Radio and Channel 2 Television thereby establishing the SWCD as a clearinghouse for natural resource conservation information. Information for Cattleman and no-till field days will be left at local business in the area to help promote the events.

Where is the project located?

County Crawford
Region South-Southeast
Watershed Blue Sinking, Patoka, Lower Ohio-Little Pigeon

How will the project impact the geographic area:

By educating and informing land users and the public of potential environmental issues that may directly affect their communities, and the different sources available for technical and/or financial assistance to address those issues, there will be a significant reduction in the negative impacts on natural resources in Crawford County. The eastern part of Crawford County is part of the Karst region and is the site of Marengo Cave, a national attraction. Little Blue River, Otter Creek and Bogard Creek appear on IDEM's 303d list of impaired watersheds for impaired biotic communities, sulfates, total dissolved solids and also E. Coli. 90.7% of Crawford County soils have severe limitations for septic systems. Better management of cropland, grazing land and forests will improve soil quality and health, reduce soil erosion and sediment loading to streams, enhance plant and animal health (livestock, aquatics & upland wildlife), improve air quality and ultimately improve ground and surface water quality. The geographic locality of Crawford County will achieve short and long term, definitive, positive benefits to the natural resource base from the implementation of the SWCD Conservation Information Program.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

The project will implement a program to create materials, plan events, and develop informational resources for the public in Crawford County to learn more on conserving natural resources. The following items planned are:

1. Promote the district and the conservational needs by placing nine signs, with the districts name and phone number, on the state highways at the county line, 2 signs for our two no-till drills and one sign at the entrance of our street. The SWCD is not located in a service center. The service center is in an adjacent county, which means less foot traffic coming through the SWCD office. Also signs to place at local farms where no-till have been used.
2. Create flyers for the annual Cattleman's Association's Farm Tour to help promote the conservation practices and programs, such as EQIP and CRP, that have been applied to the land. Advertise for this event in local papers and also on the local radio station.
3. Develop a web-site to promote the SWCD, the federal programs that are available and also any educational workshops that are being held. The quarterly newsletter will be made available on-line to help reduce postage cost. Also information will be provided on-line for the public to help answer any questions they may have at anytime.
4. Promote the NACD 2007 Soil & Water Stewardship week by providing material to all the local schools and local churches to help educate the children and adults in the community on the importance of conserving our natural resources.
5. Host a Riverwatch training workshop to help make the community aware of the water quality problems that the county faces and how they can be prevented.
6. Conduct a field day to educate home builders and local residents on the importance of installing and maintaining septic systems correctly.

If the SWCD is able to do the proposed items above it hopes to accomplish the following

1. Cleaner drinking water and cleaner rivers and lakes for recreational purposes.
2. Establish an effective, locally led conservation delivery system that addresses local resource concerns and needs through technical, educational and financial assistance.
3. Utilize the latest technology to deliver information about conservation needs in Crawford County.
4. Provide a positive message describing the benefits of conservation.

Finally, the Crawford County SWCD wants to promote all these items; however the budget is extremely limited. In 2005, outside of the Office Manager's salary/fringe benefits, the District received \$300.00 for operating funds from the county. By working with county officials and utilizing tools such as the Leveraging Sheet, the SWCD Board increased this amount to \$1850.00 in 2006. The SWCD plans to continue progressing forward on meeting its landowners needs and promoting the valuable role the District plays in this. Securing additional grant funds will help meet these goals as listed above.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

The Conservation Information Program directly correlates with the Crawford County SWCD business plan by addressing action items in each area of concern that was identified through local public meetings. These areas of concern include Marketing, Soil Erosion, Water Quality, Septic Concerns, Nutrient Management, Forest and Wildlife Management and Non-Native Invasive Species Management. First and foremost the program will promote awareness and recognition of the Crawford County SWCD and it's role and mission in the community. Mission Statement: The Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District will provide guidance, coordination and technical assistance through an effective conservation program that educates and assists the public, land users and local units of government in sustaining our soil, water and related natural resources. The program will enable the SWCD to educate and assist land users in soil conservation principles and raise their consciousness of food security and the impact for future generations, by increasing the use of no-till by 10% by 2009. It will heighten public awareness on the importance of surface and ground water quality and the link to a healthful environment, as well as ways to enhance water quality by hosting a Riverwatch training workshop to educate the public on local water concerns. In addition by hosting a septic workshop, the program will promote awareness and provide education on septic systems and the potential impact on water quality and human health, as well as educate land users in the need for, and technical principles of sound nutrient management programs. It will also provide information and education in forest and wildlife management techniques, and overall emphasize the associated multiple economic and environmental benefits of implementing conservation practice and land management plans. All of the above are action items as listed in the business plan. The Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District implemented its business plan in 2005. By using the Leveraging Sheet the SWCD has been able to increase the amount of operational funds given by the county government. Securing additional funding through the Clean Water Indiana Grants Program will further the SWCD's ability to reach its goals as mentioned in the business plan and also provide a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of conservation. The goals and outcomes of this project compliment the mission, vision, desired outcomes and strategies of the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan by helping to provide cleaner drinking water, enhance the quality of life for Indiana citizens and cleaner streams, rivers and lakes for recreation just to name a few. By developing a web-site the SWCD will be able to establish an effective, locally led conservation delivery system that addresses local resource needs.

Budget	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel 300 miles @ 34 cents	\$102.00
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. 9 SWCD signs for county borders on state highways	\$600.00
2. 2 signs to place on No-till Drills	\$180.00
3. 1 sign (street entrance)	\$200.00
4.	
5.	
6.	
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8.	
9.	
10.	
Supplies (Itemize)	
1. paper	\$100.00
2. ink cartridges	\$1,210.00
3. advertisement (3 times in local paper)	\$216.00
4. advertisement (6 months air time, local radio station)	\$840.00
5. advertisement (6 months tv time, local television station)	\$840.00
6. Soil & Water Stewardship week material	\$500.00
7. postage 1500 newsletter @39 cents each	\$585.00
8.	
9.	
10.	
Other	
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$5,373.00
Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$3,312.00
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$2,550.00
Total Project Cost	\$11,235.00



HENRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

146 E County Road 200 N Suite C • New Castle, Indiana 47362
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All
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of Henry
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September 10, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 W Ohio Suite 1200
Indianapolis IN 46204

Dear State Soil Conservation Board Members,

The Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District greatly appreciates the opportunity to use our Clean Water Indiana Grant funds to assist with flooding damage that occurred this spring. The local SWCD board chose to allocate those funds towards the reseeding of CRP Grassed Waterways that were damaged due to the flooding. Currently, many of these waterways are inaccessible and would require tearing up a significant amount of planted crops. The Henry County SWCD is requesting to extend the grant until June 15th; one month after the NRCS spring seeding expires. This will allow landowners sufficient time to get bills submitted and proper seeding without sacrificing planted crops.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kellie A. Harding

Kellie A. Harding
Office Administrator/Education Coordinator
Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District



OHIO COUNTY
Soil & Water
Conservation District
PO Box 14
Rising Sun, IN 47040-0014



September 10, 2008

SSCB
Amy Eizinger
101 W. Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: CWI Training Incentive Program Reimbursement

SSCB:

Chain of events as I know them:

February 6, 2008 email to Tara requesting information on Training Reimbursement,
Belinda,

The CWI Training Incentive Program is due by June 1st. For this program the district needs to submit a
copy of the receipts and a cover letter explaining the expenses submitting.

Thanks,
Tara

From: Belinda Schraeder [mailto:bdstaxsvc@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 2:54 PM
To: Wesseler, Tara
Subject: Education Re imbursement?

When are the requests for Seminar/Workshops re-imbursements due? What form to use and where to
send it?

Thanks, Belinda
Ohio co SWCD

I sent an itemized letter with receipts copies on March 3, 2008.

I kept waiting on the reimbursement to show up on the bank statement, when it didn't happen
over several months, I finally emailed Tara on Tuesday, September 9 about it.

When I spoke with Tara this morning and she told me my request for reimbursement was never
received and to send a letter and a copy of the original letter and all receipts that I sent back in
March to Amy Eizinger.

I hope this covers everything. If you have any questions my email address is
bdstaxsvc@embarqmail.com. Feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.
Belinda Schraeder Sec/Treas
Ohio County SWCD



OHIO COUNTY
Soil & Water
Conservation District
PO Box 14
Rising Sun, IN 47040-0014



March 3, 2008

Clean Water Indiana Program
Indiana State Dept. Of Agriculture
Div. Of Soil conservation
101 W. Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: CWI Training Incentive Program Reimbursement

Please find the enclosed copies of receipts and mileage vouchers we are submitting for reimbursement under the CWI Training Incentive Program.

Voucher # 1571	December 3, 2007		
	Belinda Schraeder attended Purdue Extension Grant Workshop		
	Workshop		\$150.00
	Mileage 184 miles @ .40		73.60
Voucher # 1593	February 4, 2008		
	Belinda Schraeder attended MicroSoft Excel Seminar		
	Seminar		\$213.75
	Mileage 184.40 miles @ .40		73.76
Voucher # 1591	February 4, 2008		
	Gene Weaver attended Annual State Conference		
	Conference		\$245.00
	Food & Lodging		725.94
	Mileage 216 @ .40		86.40
Voucher # 1596	March 3, 2008		
	Lenny Sams attended Annual State Conference		
	Lodging		\$257.60
	Mileage 228 @ .40		91.20
Voucher # 1597	March 3, 2008		
	Jeff Chipman attended Annual State Conference		
	Registration for Lenny and Jeff		\$490.00
Voucher # 1598	March 3, 2008		
	Wade Turner attended Annual State Conference		
	Registration		\$290.00
	Lodging		282.60

Mileage 220 @ .40

88.00

TOTAL TRAINING EXPENSES

Not Applied For

Lodging & meals \$1266.14

Expenses submitted for reimbursement

Registration Fees 1388.75

Mileage 412.96

\$1801.71

Over Allowance - 301.71

Total Reimbursement Expenses Applied for: \$1500.00

Sincerely,

Belinda Schraeder
Ohio County SWCD, Sec/Treas

bdstaxsvc@embarqmail.com



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District
3382 W SR 56, Suite 2
Hanover, IN. 47243
(812) 273-2070 Ext. 3 (812) 273-6110 (Fax)
jeffswcd@yahoo.com

RE: 2008 CWI Grant
Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG)

Date: September 9, 2008

District Supervisors

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Norbert Schafer
Joe Ferguson
Wes Thomas

Associate Supervisors

Bill Miller

District Coordinator

Lisa Jones

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Muscatahuck Watershed

Coordinator

Robert Miller

State Soil Conservation Board,

To date, the Jefferson County SWCD is on tract with the 2008 SNRG, but there are some concerns as it unfolds. Our grant was written to aid approximately 20 producers with \$400 in soil testing, \$50 for a better management plan, and \$250 towards application of fertilizer. We accepted 25 producers to take part in this cost share. Even with the additional producers, the irregularity in acreage and grid sampling has caused left over money in the soil testing from each producer. With having the five additional producers than originally planned, the Jefferson County SWCD is looking at having to pay the better management plan and application costs out of pocket.

We are requesting the money not spent in soil testing be reallocated toward a better management plan and application of fertilizer for those five producers? An approximation of unspent money in soil testing at this time is \$1000 to \$1500, but may differ slightly once all participants have been sampled.

Thank You,

Lisa Jones
District Coordinator
Jefferson County SWCD



Rush County Soil and Water Conservation District

146 E US 52, Rushville, IN 46173

Phone: 765/932-2813, Ext. 3

Fax: 765/932-4468

August 18, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Board Members

The Rush County Soil & Water Conservation District received CWI funds for a Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant. The funds were to be used for a tri-county field day with Hancock and Shelby counties. They have since re-allocated their funds for ECAP. We still plan to go ahead with our annual Farm & Field Day partnering with Purdue Cooperative Extension, NRCS, and FSA. The field day will be held on September 10th.

Since the original request was for three counties, we now find ourselves short of funds in some areas. The rental cost for a tent, tables and chairs for 200 people will be \$1,320, and the grant only has \$180 allocated. We will have no expenses for speaker fees or newsletter supplies and request that we be allowed to use that \$820 for the tent, etc. rental. Rush County SWCD will provide the remaining funds as part of our in-kind match.

We have all faced unusual circumstances this year, and hope that you will approve our request for these changes.

Sincerely,

Julie Innis

Julie Innis
Chairperson
Rush County Board of Supervisors



APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at AEizinger@isda.in.gov

Grantee Name	Rush County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	146 E US 52
City/State/Zip	Rushville, IN 46173-7901

Contact Name	Linda Mahan or Ashley Carlton: Regional District Technician
Title	District Administrator
Address	146 E US 52
City/State/Zip	Rushville, IN 46173
County	Rush
Telephone	765-932-2813 Ext 3
E-mail	linda.mahan@in.nacdn.net or ashley.carlton@in.nacdn.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Carol Holzback								
Project Title	2008 Bringing Conservation To You Program								
Nutrient Management Practice	<table border="0"><tr><td>Cover Crops</td><td>▲</td></tr><tr><td>No-till Strip</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Nutrient Management Plan</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Buffers</td><td>▼</td></tr></table>	Cover Crops	▲	No-till Strip	—	Nutrient Management Plan	—	Buffers	▼
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No-till Strip	—								
Nutrient Management Plan	—								
Buffers	▼								

Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)
<p>The 2008 Bringing Conservation To You Program is a Multi-County project with Hancock, Rush and Shelby Counties. We will be hosting Conservation Round Tables monthly that will rotate around the three counties with the following topics: LARE, No-Till, Waterways, Farm Bill, CSP(or new name), FSA Compliance, Filter Strips/Quail Buffers, Cover Crops Pasture, Fencing & Facilities, Forestry, Backyard Conservation and the last one on our Route 44 Tour planned for 2009. We will have our Farm and Field Day event in Shelby County for 2008 touring various locations - concentrating on these topics. Our anticipated expenses are advertising of the Round Tables sessions and the Event, Speaker fees for both, bus rental for the event day, follow-up with participants in the Round Tables and the Event</p>

County	Rush
CIT Region	SE
14-digit HUC Code(s)	05120204030050, 05120204030030, 0512025020020, 05120205010120
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project	
1	Brochures, handouts, flyers
2	Conservation Around The Farm Newsletter
3	News Articles
4	PSA's and Websites promotion
5	Newspaper Ads

Briefly state the education event(s) you will host	
1	Farm and Field Day in 2008
2	Monthly Conservation Round Tables in rotation within the 3 counties
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s).	
1	Paper, printing, postage, supplies, etc
2	PSA advertisements, News Ads
3	Website
4	Bus Rental and possible insurance
5	Speakers
6	Meeting Rental

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$1,483.50	1000
Fringe Benefits		
Travel	\$500.00	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Laptop	\$300.00	
Projector	\$200.00	
Speaker System	\$200.00	
Chairs and Tables Rental	\$70.00	\$200.00
Bus Rental		\$600.00
Meeting Rental	\$200.00	
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Newsletter supplies: paper, printing, postage, etc	\$620.00	
Brochures, handouts and flyers	\$400.00	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Website	\$165.00	
News Articles	\$420.00	
Speaker Fees		\$200.00

Total CWI	\$2,000.00
Total In-Kind Match	\$4,558.50
Total Project Cost	\$6,558.50



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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Education Coordinator
2026 Highway 100, Sullivan, IN 47882
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Ms. Nola Gentry, Chairperson
State Soil Conservation Board
101 West Ohio St, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

August 29, 2008

RE: "Birds in the Buff" CWI Grant 7-315

Dear Ms. Gentry:

Sullivan and Greene County have been co-operating on two CWI grants (6-423 and & 7-315) called "Birds in the Buff". Grant 6-423 is closed and was a successful grant. Grant # 7-315 is still in progress. This grant will end on January 19, 2009. Sullivan and Greene Counties anticipate having unspent funds in this grant on January 19 when the term is up.

While we all agree Birds in the Buff is an excellent project, circumstances have prevented Greene and Sullivan Counties from using all of the funds in this grant. Greene and Sullivan both had a change of technicians, which slows the marketing of the buffers. The one thing that has had the biggest impact on the project was the flooding in June. Each county sustained a great deal of damage and the land owners simply don't have the time or the will to talk with a technician.

Greene and Sullivan Counties would like to have their technicians continue to promote the buffer strips until January 2009. At that time each county would like to use the balance of funds left in the # 7-315 grant toward the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program. The funds would be used technical assistance and/or cost share for practices.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Bill Coulson
Chairman



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Unique Partnership Program
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name:
Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution. Please attach letters of support.			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation Dist	\$600	6. Greene County Highway Dept	\$500
2. Greene County Soil & Water Conservation Dist	\$2,000	7. NRCS- 100 hrs @ \$ 20.00 per	\$2,000
3. Quail Unlimited	\$2,000	8. DNR- 120 hrs @ \$20.00 per hr	\$2,400
4. Sycamore Trails RC&D	\$500	9. FSA-CRP-CP33 for 850 acres	\$190,000
5. Sullivan County Highway Dept.	\$2,500	10. ISDA- Technical support	\$500
Total			\$203,000.00

Grantee Address:
Address 2316 North Section Street
City/State/Zip Sullivan, IN 47882-7524

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Judith M. Bengochea
Address 2316 North Section Street
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County Sullivan
Telephone 812-268-5157 ext 3
E-mail judy.bengochea@isda.in.gov

Grant Amount:
\$10,000.00

Project Start Date:
1-May-07

Project Expiration Date:
30-Apr-08

Federal ID Number:
84-1884239

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Wayne Jackson, Chairman

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
"Birds in the Buff 2007" would be a continuation of the 2006 project. The conservation practices to be marketed will be wildlife friendly filter strips and field borders. This marketing program promotes already existing Federal and State programs. The Conservation Reserve Program, CP 33, encourages farmers to install 30 to 120 feet of wildlife friendly buffer strips and borders along their streams and edges of their fields. Sullivan and Greene Counties have a goal of contracting 850 acres of buffer stripes in the two counties. This project was granted CWI funding in the 2006 round of grants. At this time, August 25, 2006, the project is just beginning to get underway due to contract and startup delays. The SWCD staff and been compiling the marketing materials and the steering committee has been interviewing for the technician positions. It is anticipated that the technicians will be in place and ready to start promoting the buffer strips by Oct. 1, 2006. The technicians will work through the winter so that the landowners will be ready to start installing practices in the spring of 2007. This program needs to be continued for several years to realize its effectiveness.

Where is the project located?
County Sullivan and Greene Counties
Region Southwest
Watershed Middle Wabash Watershed and West Fork of White River Watershed

How will the project impact the geographic area?

If the marketing program attains the goal of contracting 850 acres of buffers it would bring in \$150,000 in Federal money to Sullivan and Greene County landowners in the first year. Additionally, there would be annual payments for up to 10 years. This year would bring \$21 Federal Conservation dollars for each \$1 of state funds invested. An average payment to the individual landowner would be:

Annual Payment for 10 years = \$80.00 per acre
Installation Cost Share (up to 90%) = \$157.50 per acre

By providing quality habitat, it is possible to decrease the fragmentation of bird habitat and provide contiguous natural areas for varied species. It will also provide food, protection from predators, cover, and travel corridors. Buffers will also provide secondary benefits by limiting sediment, nutrients, pesticides and other contaminants from entering streams or other water bodies. Noble County has had a buffer strip program in place for approximately 10 years. The county surveyor estimates that he has cut the county's ditch maintenance cost to 40%. Nobel County cost shares with land owners to put buffers along each legal drain. Sullivan County has 875 miles of roads that mostly border agricultural fields. The county engineer estimates that the Highway Dept. spends \$20,000 per year to remove approximately 2,000 tons of soil. Greene County has about 900 miles of roadways. Their highway foreman estimates that the county removes 50,000 tons of soil per year with an expenditure of over \$50,000. Both county highway superintendents recognize that there is a problem, but neither has a solution. Over time, this program will reduce the cost of ditch maintenance for both highway Departments. The highway superintendents are willing to observe and record results of soil loss reduction near the installed practices in order to evaluate the program for future funding. It will take several years of promoting this program to show measurable results, but each buffer strip that is installed will increase wildlife, filter sediment and chemicals, improve water quality and save precious funds for each county.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

Sullivan County SWCD, Greene County SWCD and Quail Unlimited plan to continue marketing Buffer Strips to restore habitat for Quail, Pheasants and upland songbirds, preserve soil and improve water quality. Additional partners will be NRCS, DNR, FSA, ISDA and Sycamores Trails RC&D. Sullivan and Greene Counties' Highway Departments will have a vested interest in the program. The conservation practices being marketed are wildlife friendly filter strips and field borders. The purpose of this conservation practice is to reverse the long-term decline of upland birds due to the loss of their habitat. The buffers will also limit sediment, nutrients, and pesticides from entering streams and other bodies of water thus improving water quality. Additionally, the county highway departments would have a savings in labor costs of ditch clearing. The program is compatible with the CP33 Habitat Buffer Program, which is a continuous CRP program. The CP33 would potentially pay up to 90% of the installation costs. Also, the landowner would receive an annual maintenance payment. The CRP contracts are generally for 10 or 15 years. The program is also compatible with DNR's Indiana Quail Habitat Incentive Program, which may be in addition to the CRP Program. Two part time technicians have been retained on a contractual basis to promote the program. They meet with individual landowners to educate them about the program and assist them in preparing the initial paperwork and follow through with the landowner to insure the installation of the practice. The technicians may also present educational workshops to inform the public. The SWCD offices would also assist in promotion of the project by preparing brochures etc.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

Sullivan County has a Locally Led Committee which is comprised of the Soil and Water Conservation District, FSA, County Committee, District Forester, District Wildlife Biologist, NRCS District Conservationist, Purdue Extension, representatives of local agriculture groups, county officials and local citizens. This committee was formed in 1997 to address local resource concerns. The committee updated those concerns in 2003. A meeting to review and update the concerns is scheduled for January 2007. The top ten countywide concerns were determined to be: 1. Soil Erosion, 2. Water Quality/Quantity, 3. Lack of Quality Grasslands and Habitat for Wildlife, 4. Forest Health and Timber Management, 5. Solid Waste Management, 6. Farm Economics, 7. Coal Mining/Reclamation, 8. Government Over-Regulation, 9. Landowner Property Rights, 10. Drainage Concerns.

The "Birds in the Bull" initiative addresses four of the 10 concerns: 1. Soil Erosion, 2. Water Quality/Quantity, 3. Lack of Quality Grasslands and Habitat for Wildlife, and 10. Drainage Concerns. "Birds in the Bull" is compatible with CWI 20/20 mission and vision for the State of Indiana. The program is compatible with the 20/20 Strategies for Delivery System, Technology and Outreach. Overtime this program will assist with accomplishing the 20/20 Desired Outcomes of Cleaner Streams and Rivers, Productive Soils for Farmers, Enhance the Quality of Life of Indiana Citizens. It is a local program that brings \$21 Federal dollars into the local economy for every \$1 of State money invested. This program will also provide a consistent positive message to local citizens about the environment and quality of life through conservation.

Budget:		
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested	50/50 Match
Personnel - Grant Administrator		\$600
Fringe Benefits		
Travel - 3,500 miles @ .40 per mile (Gov't rate)	\$1,400	
Equipment (Itemize)		
1. Office Equipment		\$1,000
2. Two warm season grass drills @ \$8.00 per acre rental fee		\$8,400
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Supplies (Itemize)		
1. Supplies and Brochures		\$600
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Other Educational Workshop to inform the public		\$500
Two part time technicians at \$20.00 per hour for 800 hours	\$8,600	\$4,000
Miscellaneous		\$100
Sub-total	\$10,000	\$13,200
Total CWI Funds Requested		\$10,000
Total 50/50 Match		\$216,200
Total Project Cost		\$226,200



August 13, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

State Soil Conservation Board:

Tippecanoe County Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting a change in the CWI Marketing Grant #7-CWI-424. The grant was awarded to the SWCD for funds to pay a consultant to make personal contacts with landowners in the Wildeat Creek watershed and encourage buffer establishment along the stream. The consultant was paid \$10 per personal contact with landowners and an additional \$100 for each buffer planned as a result of his/her marketing efforts (Consultant Bonus).

In working toward the closure of this grant, there were excess funds of \$250 in the "Supplies: Paper envelope/postage" line item which we would like to transfer to "Supplies: Brochure Materials" for the completion of our Buffer Plant ID Guide to be provided to all local landowners considering and/or installing buffers." Additionally, we would like to transfer \$1800 from the "Consultant Bonus" line item as per the attached amendment request.

We feel that the transfer of funds between line items does not constitute a change in the contract intent, and request your permission to move forward with the same.

Respectfully,

TIPPECANOE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Chris M. Remley
District Administrator

1812 TROXEL DRIVE, STE. C3 ~ LAFAYETTE, IN 47909-7367
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~ www.tippecanoeswcd.org ~



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Tippecanoe Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-434

The Tippecanoe SWCD respectfully requests an amendment to transfer funds between line items for the above named CWI Contract entitled Wildcat Creek Embayment Marketing Grant as follows:

- \$250 transfer from "Supplies: Paper Envelope Postage" to "Supplies: Brochure Materials" line item
- \$900 transfer from "Contractor Bents" to "Supplies: Brochure Materials" line item
- \$900 transfer from "Contractor Bents" to "Payment to Landowners" line item

EXPENSE ITEM	ORIGINAL PROJECT COST	ADJUSTED PROJECT COST	CWI ALLOCATION	SWCD MATCH	AVAILABLE BASS MATCH	LENGTH TRANSFER	ALT OF AFD AND OR SPENT	BALANCE	COMPLET
Supplies: Paper Envelope Postage	400.00	150.00	150.00			250.00	150.00	0.00	X
Supplies: Brochure Materials (Bent, Fly Guide)	500.00	500.00	500.00			500.00 + 900.00	950.00	0.00	X
Payment to Contractor	500.00	500.00	500.00			0.00	500.00	0.00	X
Supplies: Brochure Materials (Contractor)	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00			1800.00	200.00	0.00	X
Payments to Landowners	5000.00	5000.00	0.00	1000.00	2000.00	900.00	2773.36	1226.64	
TOTALS	8100.00	6400.00	2400.00	1000.00	2000.00	0.00	2773.36	1226.64	



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
PROGRAM MARKETING
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Program Marketing
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Grantee Name:

Tippecanoe County SWCD

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Tipmont Envirowatts Grant (\$10,000 for drill)		Wildcat Creek Guardians (letter)	
Indiana Smallmouth Conservation (cash)	\$2,000		
Tippecanoe SWCD (cash)	\$1,000		
IDEM (letter of support)			
Wildcat Creek Foundation (letter)			
Total			\$3,000.00

Grantee Address:

Address 1812 Troxel Drive, Suite C3

City/State/Zip Lafayette, IN 47909

Grantee Contact Name:

Title Linda Eastmen

Address 1812 Troxel Drive, Suite C3

City/State/Zip Lafayette, IN 47909

County Tippecanoe

Telephone 765-474-9992, ext. 3

E-mail linda.eastmen@tippecanoe.org

Grant Amount:

\$5,400.00

Project Start Date:

1-Jan-07

Project Expiration Date:

7-1-2009 (project would extend into '09 due to timing of tree orders and planting dates)

Federal ID Number:

27-0143498

Signature Authority (District Chairman):

Name Roger Verhey

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)

No

Project Title and Short Description:

Establishing Conservation Buffers along the Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe County - Buffers are a critical conservation practice needed to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. This effort is designed to increase the number of riparian buffers and filterstrips along Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe County. Planting trees along water bodies has not been a popular practice in this watershed for a number of reasons. This program is designed to mitigate those issues. Conservation Buffers will be marketed to landowners who own land that lacks a buffer adjacent to the stream.

Where is the project located?

County Tippecanoe

Region South Region - Northwest Area

Watershed Wildcat Creek Watershed

How will the project impact the geographic area?

The establishment of conservation buffers of trees and/or native grasses will improve wildlife habitat along the creek. Trees provide shade which will improve habitat for many different aquatic species. Native grass buffers will provide a place for nesting, brood rearing and cover. In addition, these buffers will help filter out sediment, nutrients, pesticides and other contaminants from stormwater runoff from entering the Wildcat Creek. Establishment of these conservation buffers will have a long term impact on water quality and wildlife habitat on the Wildcat.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

A preliminary analysis of aerial photographs indicates that 197 landowners own property along the Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe County with a riparian or grassed area less than 120' in width. 18 of the owners also farm the land. 179 of the remaining owners have 48 different tenants farming these parcels. Priority will be given to areas currently being farmed up to the edge of the creek or are absent of trees along the creek. The number of conservation buffers needed will be sorted by major tributaries of the Wildcat: Main Channel near the Wabash River, North Fork, Middle Fork, and South Fork. The South Fork is a high priority as it will be named a TMDL watershed shortly. The SWCD will contact all 197 landowners along the Wildcat in Tippecanoe County. To promote the program, the SWCD will mail letters and brochures explaining the benefits of conservation buffers along streams to landowners with cropland adjacent to the Wildcat Creek and its tributaries. In addition, a consultant will be contracted to follow up with landowners who respond to the letter and express an interest in the program. The consultant will meet with the landowners in person to explain details of the program. Landowners will be encouraged to enroll cropland acres into the USDA Continuous CRP sign-up. Dollars received from CWI and partners will be used to develop marketing materials, make personal contacts with landowners, sponsor at least one informational workshop, and provide an incentive bonus to landowners who agree to install conservation buffers adjacent to the stream. The consultant selected for contract will have the necessary technical and people skills to "sell" this program to local landowners. It is estimated that 48 acres of buffers are needed to completely protect the streams in the Wildcat Creek watershed in Tippecanoe County. The goal of this grant is to buffer 10 acres. The contractor will be paid \$10.00 per person; he/she discusses the program with either in person or by phone up to a maximum of 50 landowners (\$500). Priority will be to contact the most interested individuals first, followed by those who own the areas identified most critical. The Contractor will also be paid \$100 per signed CRP contract with a maximum of \$2000. The incentive payment to landowners will be \$500 per acre for planting trees, and \$200 per acre for grasses with a maximum incentive not to exceed 2 acres per contract or person. This grant will enable incentives for a combination of up to 10 acres of trees or 25 acres of grasses conservation buffers for a total not to exceed \$5000. The consultant will develop a template showing estimate of dollars the landowner will be paid from the CRP and "incentive bonus". The SWCD Rural Conservation Coordinator will assist landowners in the coordination of ordering plant material, planting, and maintenance issues. watershed and other watersheds in Tippecanoe County.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

Buffers are a high priority for the Tippecanoe SWCD and are also a major component of the SWCD's business plan. In addition, buffers are a priority of the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan.

Budget:	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment (Itemize)	
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Supplies (Itemize)	
Paper, envelopes and postage	\$400
Brochure Materials	\$500
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Other	
Payment to consultant to make personal contact with 50 individuals	\$500
Payment to consultant for each signed contract submitted (\$100/contract)	\$2,000
Incentive Payment to Landowners	\$5,000
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$5,400
Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$1,000
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$2,000
Total Project Cost	\$8,400

September 12, 2008

RE: 07-CWI-317

Dear SSCB,

The project is to restore an urban wetland by renovating its earthen dam water control structures. These structures were designed, funded, and installed by the Army Corp of Engineers. The ACOE cannot find the original engineered designs, and the NRCS technical team has not been willing to redesign the structures without them. We finally decided to ask a private engineering firm to design it, and the plans are due to be completed 9/15/08. Then we can move forward with installation of the structures, which may be completed by 10/1/08. We will have spent \$2,600 on design work, and the rest will pay for construction that may or may not be completed by 10/1. In case of construction delays, we are asking for a time extension. Therefore the Vanderburgh County SWCD would like to request to extend their 2007 CWI grant deadline December 1, 2008 in order to fully complete this project.

Lauren Preske
Vanderburgh SWCD



UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Unique Partnership Program
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name:

Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount*	Partner	Amount
1. Wesselman Nature Society	\$100	6.	
2. City of Evansville	\$100	7.	
3. Indiana State Department of Agriculture	\$100	8.	
4. Natural Resource Conservation Service	\$6,000	9.	
5.		10.	

*(Contributions #1-3 are in-kind; contribution #4 is WHIP program funds) Total \$6,300.00

Grantee Address:

Address 12445 Highway 41 North

City/State/Zip Evansville, IN 47725

Grantee Contact Name:

Title Lauren Preske, Supervisor, Vanderburgh Co. SWCD

Address 12445 Highway 41 North

City/State/Zip Evansville, IN 47725

County Vanderburgh

Telephone 812-867-0729

E-mail lpreske@wesselmanaturesociety.org

Grant Amount:

\$5,000.00

Project Start Date:

summer 2007

Project Expiration Date:

fall 2007

Federal ID Number:

10869790000

Signature Authority (District Chairman):

Name Dave Ellison, District Chairman

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)

no

Project Title and Short Description:

Howell Wetlands Restoration: The Vanderburgh County SWCD would like to provide resources and technical assistance to assist with a 35-acre urban wetland restoration project in Vanderburgh County. Two earthen dams will be renovated to improve water management capabilities in the wetlands. The wetlands drain 365 acres of urban land, and are important for slowing, storing, and filtering stormwater runoff and septic and wastewater inputs before it enters the neighboring streams. They are also important for wildlife habitat, community greenspace, and education. The improvements will provide better control of water levels, improving wildlife habitat, water quality, and the integrity of the wetland system, while reducing soil erosion and flooding downstream.

County	Vanderburgh
Region	South-Southwest Indiana
Watershed	Pigeon-Highland Watershed, HUC code: 05140202050010

How will the project impact the geographic area?

The potential environmental, aesthetic, and economic benefits of this project to the area include:

- Reduction of non-point and point sources of pollution
- Reduced flood damage
- Reduced soil erosion
- Improved water quality
- Improved wildlife habitat
- Improved wetland integrity
- Increased use as an outdoor classroom and destination

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

The renovation of two man-made earthen dams will involve near complete excavation of current dam structures, and rebuilding with modifications to design. Plans involve filling the excavated void with compacted clay soil, covering it with a textile to hold the soil in place, and following with a layer of large rip-rap to secure the textile. Three large boxes and culverts will be retained to allow adjustable water flow through the dam.

Key Steps:

- Develop plans for renovation of dams.
- Construct dams.

Benchmarks:

- Meet with engineers to design dam improvements.
- Schedule and contract work
- Excavate old dam structures.
- Install improved dam systems.
- Evaluate improvements for effectiveness.

Desired outcomes:

- Full control of water levels in the restored wetlands
- Enhanced wetland ecosystem services:
 - stormwater retention, water filtration, wildlife habitat
- Reduced floodwater damage
- Reduced soil erosion
- Improved water quality
- Improved educational opportunities

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategic plan?

The mission of the Vanderburgh County SWCD is to provide quality conservation services resulting in a harmonious balance between natural resources, social change and profitability through both innovative and traditional partnerships. The Vanderburgh Co. SWCD serves members of our agricultural, urban and suburban communities.

Our business plan designates the following critical natural resource issues:

- Soil Erosion
- Water Quality
- Preservation/Creation of Natural Areas (Forestry, Wildlife Habitat & Green Spaces)

Priority actions in our business plan to address these critical issues include:

- Partner with City/County parks department to preserve/create parks & related areas.
- Partner with Health Department to address water quality concerns
- Meet with Evansville Water & Sewer Utility Board to call attention to overflow concerns

This project correlates with the Indiana Conservation Partnership desired outcomes of 1.) cleaner drinking water; 2.) cleaner streams, rivers, and lakes for recreation; and 3.) enhanced quality of life for Indiana citizens. To do this, the proposed project will address the I.C.P. strategy of outreach and technical assistance to provide a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of conservation for the residents of Vanderburgh County.

Budget:

Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested	50/50 Match
Personnel (contracted services)	\$2,500	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize)		
1. backhoe	\$2,500	
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Supplies (Itemize)		
1. Compacted clay soil fill		\$3,000
2. Textile fabric & Riprap		\$3,000
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Other		
Sub-total	\$5,000	\$6,000
Total CWI Funds Requested		\$5,000
Total 50/50 Match		\$6,000
Total Project Cost		\$11,000



September 10, 2008

To: State Soil Conservation Board

From: Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District

Subject: CWI Grant Contract Number 7-CWI-438

The Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to request an extension on their current CWI grant to continue the promotion of their cover crop program. The district would like to extend the contract through 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of this extension to make it possible for us to purchase cover crop seed and continue our cover crop program in Wayne County.

Harold Rounson, Chairman
Wayne County Board of Supervisors



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
PROGRAM MARKETING
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Program Marketing
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name:

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Natural Resources Conservation Service	In-kind	6.	
2. Friends of the Middle Fork	In-kind	7.	
3. Oregon Ryegrass Commission	In-kind	8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	
			Total

Grantee Address:

Address 823 S. Round Barn Road
City/State/Zip Richmond, IN 47374

Grantee Contact Name:

Title Sheryl Brown, District Coordinator
Address 823 S. Round Barn Road
City/State/Zip Richmond, IN 47374
County Wayne
Telephone (765) 966-0191 Ext. 3
E-mail sheryl.brown@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:

\$15,500.00

Project Start Date:

January 1, 2007

Project Expiration Date:

January 1, 2011

Federal ID Number:

35-1067757

Signature Authority (District Chairman):

Name Harold Routson

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)

No

Project Title and Short Description:

This five-year program will promote the planting of cover crops throughout Wayne County. The Wayne County SWCD is proposing a program which will provide cost-share monies to a maximum rate of \$10/acre on 50 acres with a maximum payment of \$500 per landowner/renter. Those joining the program and will sign a three-year commitment to the cover crop initiative will receive enough seed to plant up to 50 acres of highly erodible cropland during the first year of the program. The following two years, the landowner/renter will be responsible for continuing the purchase of seed and planting the cover crops on the same amount of ground enrolled in the program. This project will expand upon the current Wayne County SWCD agricultural demonstration plots. Funding will cover seed costs and promotional costs for design, printing, and mailing brochures. A traveling display will also be purchased and used at many annual events to promote the project.

Where is the project located?	
County	Wayne County
Region	North-Southeast
Watershed	Whitewater

<p>How will the project impact the geographic area?</p> <p>The cover crop initiative will have a direct positive impact on Wayne County's natural resources. The major soil and water resources improvement comes from the fact that cover crops help increase soil health and decrease soil erosion into local rivers and streams.</p> <p>Much of Wayne County's cropland is losing too much soil through erosion to maintain its current productivity. To adequately protect our soil resources, the practices of using winter cover crops, such as rye, wheat and hairy vetch, needs to be revived where continuous row crops are grown on highly erosive soils. This cover crop initiative can help to increase the conservation needs located within our county, while increase the health of our local natural resources.</p>
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<p>Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.</p> <p>The Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District's goal is to see 14,000 acres or approximately 10 percent of farmland in the county, utilizing winter cover crops plantings within the county. To get the greatest natural resources benefit, only highly erodible cropland will be eligible for the seed being distributed through the district program. This program will promote a beneficial conservation practice which is currently greatly under utilized within the county.</p> <p>Cover crops will improve soil quality by supplying extra organic matter to feed and breed beneficial soil organisms for soil fertility and health. Studies have also shown an increase in infiltration and reduced soil compaction after the planting of cover crops. By increasing root structures and lessening the time of bare soil, the local waterbodies should also receive less sediment and nutrients from runoff and soil erosion. In addition, cover crops will lessen the amount of nitrate leaching into waterways.</p> <p>Farmers will likely see benefits including: increase nutrient availability causing less money and time spent on applications; suppressed weed growth; less soil-borne diseases; attraction of beneficial insects; and increased yields of future crops. One major economical benefit to farmers will be the lessened need for chemical applications, which will help decrease the potential for water pollution also.</p>

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

The Wayne County Cover Crop Initiative correlates with the Wayne County SWCD's business plan by addressing the top two natural resources concerns in the county: water and soil resources. The creation of this program also closely correlates with the direction set forth by the Partnership 20/20 Vision. A key focus of this newly created program will be to educate landowners about natural resources and programs available to help implement conservation practices.

Strategies set forth in the 20/20 Vision utilized through the creation of this program include: (1) technical services - assisting customers with cover crop information and expert knowledge and (2) outreach - increasing and expanding the district's educational focus. The cover crop initiative will have a profound impact on the protection of our local natural resources. The many advantages of cover crops include benefits to soil and water quality through the reduction of runoff.

Budget:	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	\$2,000
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. Display board	\$200
2. Handcrank seeder	\$300
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Supplies (Itemize)	
1. Cover crop seed (to enroll 25 participants)	\$12,500
2. Paper and printing fees	\$1,000
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Other	
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$15,500
Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$25,000
Total Project Cost	\$35,500

2009 SNRG SCORES

<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
Adams	\$10,000	Nurtient Reduction Through New Technology
Allen	\$10,000	Reducing Soil Erosion and Nutrient Loss While Improving Soil Quality with Cover Crops
Clark	\$3,250	Nutrient Management and Buffers in the Urban Sector
Crawford	\$10,000	Crawford County Forage Management Incentive
DeKalb	\$10,000	Incentive for Cover Crops
Elkhart	\$10,000	Cover Crop Demonstration Diaries
Greene	\$10,000	Long Term Disaster Recovery Part 1 (continuation of 2008 grant)
Hamilton	\$10,000	Nutrient Reduction Through Variable Rate Fertilizer Application
Hendricks	\$8,000	Annual Ryegrass Cover Crop Cost-Share Program
Huntington	\$5,437	Wetlands-A Key Link in Watershed Management
Kosciusko	\$10,000	Stoneburner-Puntney Ditch Project
Madison	\$10,000	Reducing Runoff Through the Use of Cover Crops
Newton	\$10,000	Goodland Flood Control Wetland
Owen	\$10,000	Owen County Lower White River Watershed Implementation Project
Porter	\$4,200	More than just a cover crop
Posey	\$10,000	Stream bank stabilization
Pulaski	\$10,000	Tippecanoe River and Tributaries Sediment and Nutrient Reduction
Putnam	\$10,000	Reduction of sediment/nutrient loadings through urban and rural conservation programs
Ripley	\$10,000	Soil Conservation Cost Share
Scott	\$10,000	Scott County Sediment and Nutrient Reduction in Pasture and Hay Land
Shelby	\$10,000	2009 Bringing Conservation to You Program
Steuben	\$10,000	Advantages of Using Cover Crops
Sullivan	\$10,000	2009 Nutrient Plan and Cover Crop Incentive Program
Switzerland	\$10,000	2009 Featured Conservation Practice
Tipton	\$4,000	Cost Share Program for Abandoned Well Capping
Vanderburgh	\$10,000	Clean Water Indiana
Wabash	\$10,000	Cover Crop Cost Share
Washington	\$10,000	Washing County Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Project
Wayne	\$10,000	"Educating Our Amish Community on the Benefits of Soil Conservation"
White	\$10,000	Sediment & Nutrient Reduction Program
Whitley	\$10,000	Assistance with Correcting Excessive Spring Rain Damage
Total:	\$284,887	

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT 9-16-08

September 16, 2008

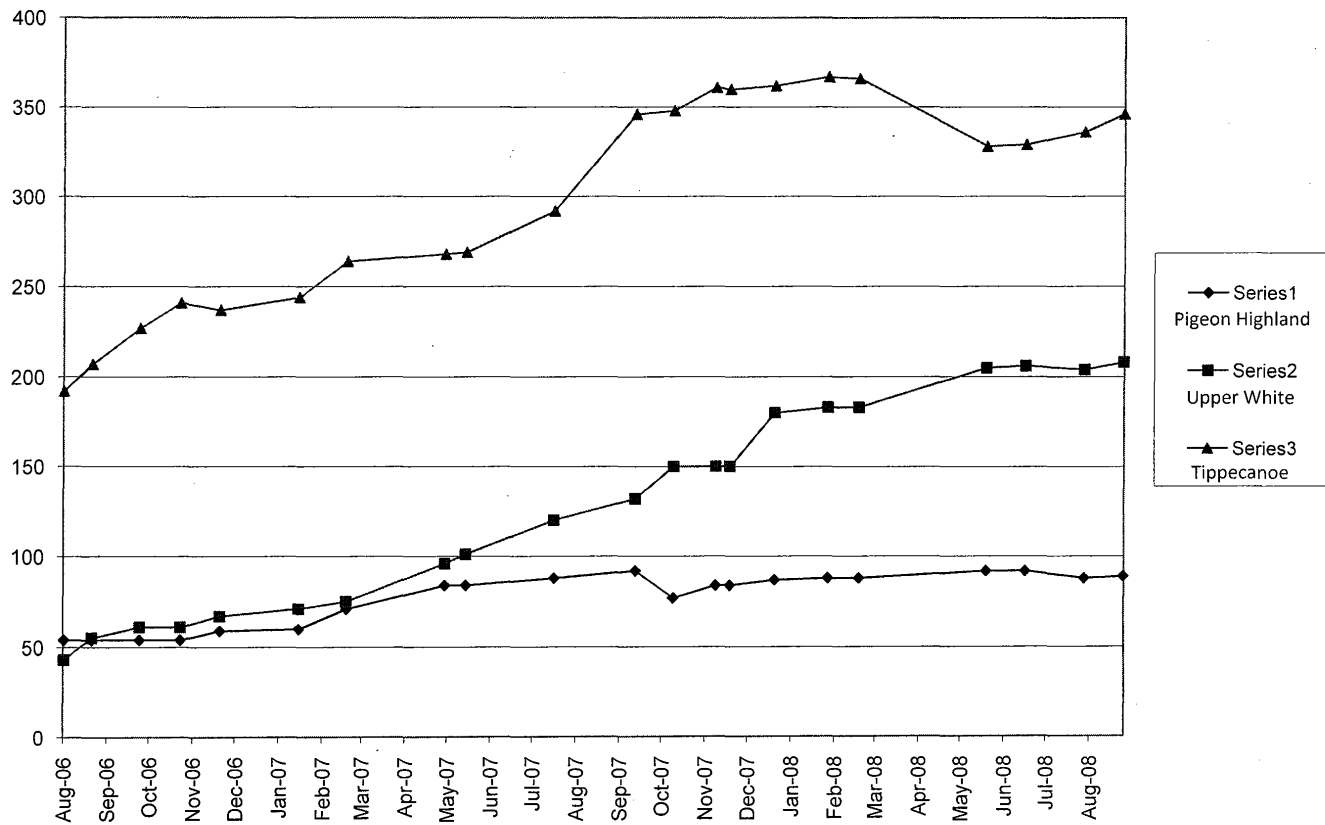
Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	346	2459		\$418,755.00	
Upper White River	208	1434.3		\$615,700.00	
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	89	353.7		\$65,680.00	
TOTAL	643	4247		\$1,100,135.00	

We lost several large practices. The largest was in the Upper White: Conner Prairie 157.2 Acres, totaling \$62,880.

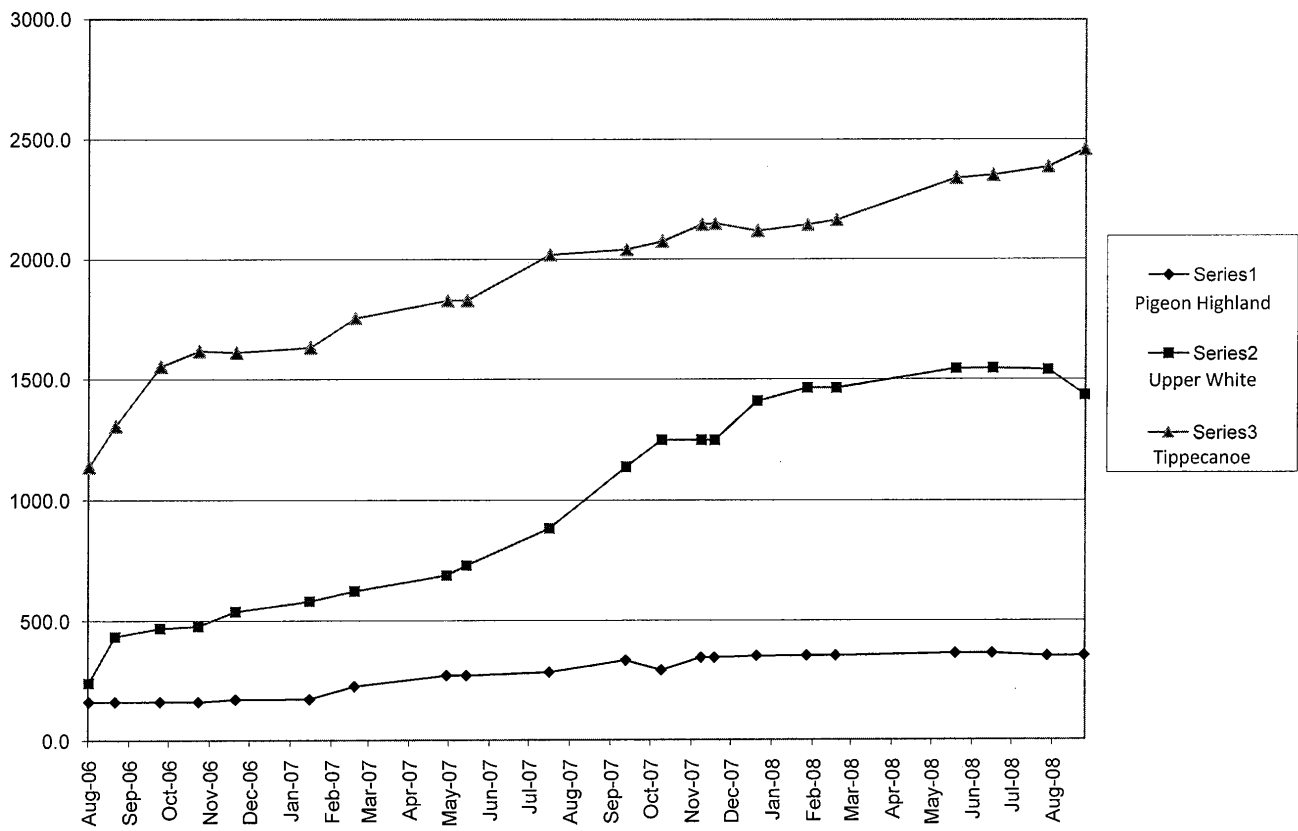
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Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	336	2385.9	\$172.45	\$411,445.00	\$6,957,284.40
Upper White River	204	1539.9	\$452.49	\$696,790.00	\$4,490,348.40
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	88	352.1	\$186.08	\$65,520.00	\$1,026,723.60
TOTAL	628	4277.9	\$274.38	\$1,173,755.00	\$12,474,356.40

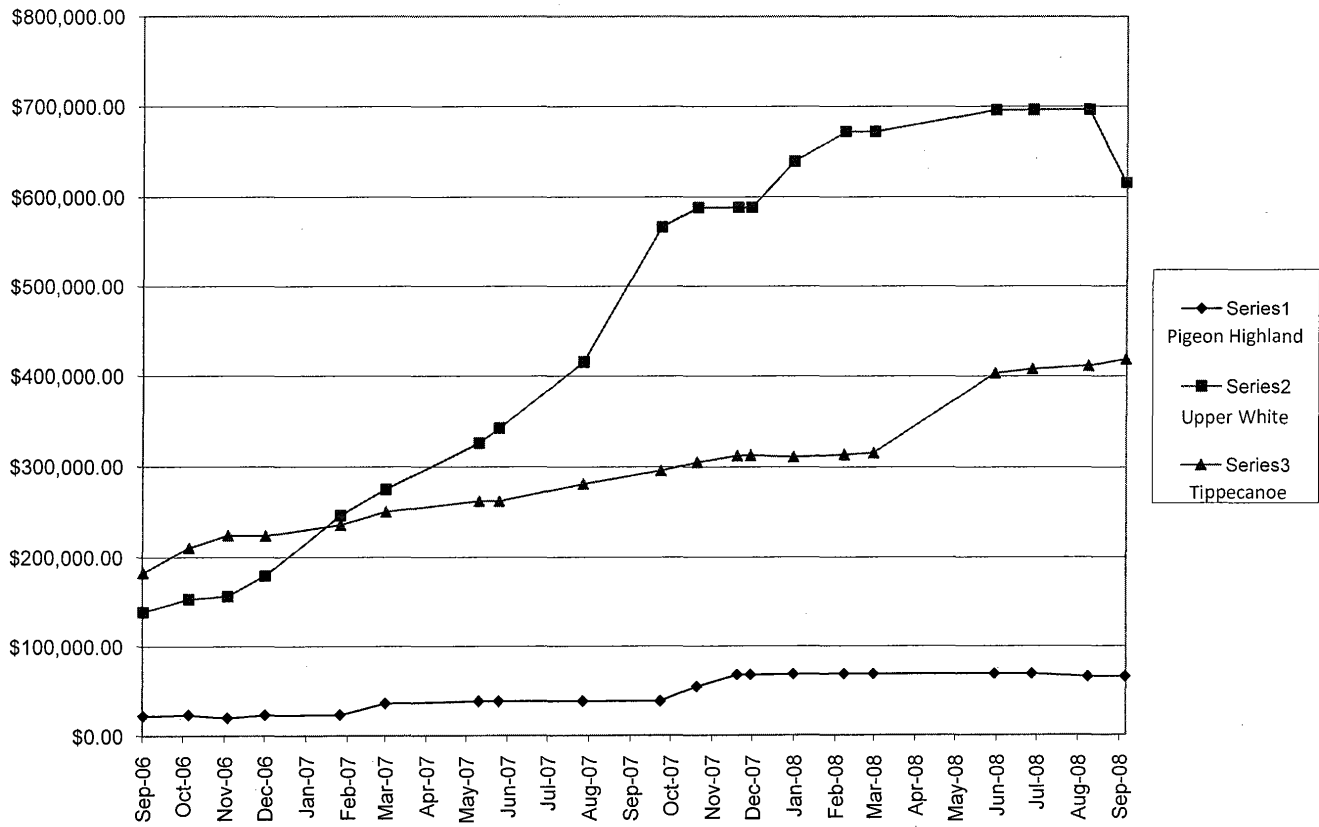
CREP Landowner Contracts August 2006 - September 2008



CREP Obligated Acres August 2006 - September 2008



CREP Obligated Funds August 2006 - September 2008



Clean Water Indiana Grant Report for September 2008

CWI Flood Reallocations

8-CWI-833	Henry	\$2,000
8-CWI-019	Monroe	\$10,000
8-CWI-015	Greene	\$10,000
8-CWI-889	Wayne	\$1,000
8-CWI-873	Shelby	\$2,000
8-CWI-869	Ripley	\$1,000
8-CWI-830	Hancock	\$2,000
8-CWI-878	Switzerland	\$695
6-CWI-305	Brown	\$8,000
	Total:	\$36,695

CWI 2009

- There were 59 counties that applied for \$543,887 in CWI funds for the new round of Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grants.
- There was one county that applied for their 1st ever CWI grant-Union.
- There was one other county that applied for their 1st competitive CWI grant-Lake.
- Several of these applications built off of their 08 CMIG and SNRG projects.
- A few built off their ECAP Assessment forms to develop their proposals.

CWI 2008

- There are 81 open CMIG grants. (1 has closed already.)
 - \$155,900 has been paid out in CWI funds.
- There are 23 open SNRG grants.
 - \$199,975 has been paid out in CWI funds.

CWI 2007

- There are 15 open grants. 4 of those are multi-year grants.
- \$466,135.41 has been paid out to date.

CWI 2006

- There are 10 open grants. 6 of those are multi-year grants.
- \$507,502 has been paid out to date.

**XX County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
Indiana Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) Agreement**

Landowner/operator Information

Name		Street Address		City	
State	Zip	Phone	E-Mail		Acreage

Tract Number(s)	Field(s)	Activity/Description	Total Cost of Activity	Percent Cost Share	Landowner/Operator Disaster Allocation

Total

Landowner Agreement

1. The landowner/operator agrees to implement the practices described above, and in the attached land restoration plan if applicable.
2. The landowner/operator certifies that he/she has control of the above tracts.
3. The landowner/operator releases the SWCD or sponsor from any and all liability.
4. The landowner/operator accepts any liability, financial or otherwise, in installing the practices described above.
5. The landowner/operator will provide proof of completion through receipts, photos, etc.
6. The landowner/operator will allow a person from the SWCD or a partner to confirm completion of the project by entering the property if requested

I, _____ a landowner/operator in _____ County, Indiana, hereby make application to the Soil and Water Conservation District for assistance to install/apply the conservation practice(s) listed above.

Landowner's Signature

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SWCD Approval

Signature: _____ Date: _____
SWCD Chairman or designated supervisor

SWCD Use Only

Approval for payment in the amount of _____

Certification of Completion

I certify that the practices described above were completed.

Name	Date
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IDEM REPORT, WATERSHED PLANNING BRANCH
SSCB Meeting, 9/16/2008
Submitted by Marylou Renshaw

NPS/TMDL Section

NPS (319)

The solicitation for 2009 Section 319 grant applications closed September 1st and the program received 22 applications that requested over \$6 million. The usual allocation from USEPA is about ½ that amount. The number of applications and the geographic distribution of applications are similar to the past few years. Typical grant applicants are requesting \$250,000 to \$330,000 in 319 funds. Applications are mixed between planning and implementation.

TMDL

- ◆ TMDL and WSS staff gave a presentation to the Diana Chapter of the Izaak Walton League in Shelby Indiana on the Kankakee/Iroquois River TMDL. The meeting was very well attended, as this group currently monitors a number of locations on the Kankakee and its tributaries.
- ◆ The Busseron Creek TMDL was put back out on notice September 3rd for 30 days.
- ◆ The Sierra Club submitted comments on the West Fork Whitewater River TMDL. Responses to these comments and any others received will be prepared as a part of the final TMDL submittal, with changes made to the document as needed.
- ◆ For 2008, we have had 117 TMDLs approved including the following:
 - 38 for *E. coli* on the Duck, Pipe, Killbuck and Stony Creek streams (April 23, 2008); and
 - 79 for *E. coli*, Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Total Suspended Solids on the South Fork of Wildcat Creek (July 31, 2008).

Wetlands/Storm Water Section

Storm Water

The program is currently focusing on several agency- wide initiatives. Staff is providing input into the development of a database that will track all permits that are administered by the Department. Storm Water and Wetlands are two of the first programs that will go live. This database will also have a feature that will allow permittees to file a Notice of Intent (Rule 5 and 6) on-line. This feature should reduce the amount of data entry for staff.

In addition, staff is working on assembling information that will be part of a Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) that will contain Rules 5, 6, and 13 permit information, inspections, and correspondence in a format that will be accessible to the public.

- ◆ **MS4 Program Update:**

Tippecanoe County was the first MS4 to go through a program audit. Tippecanoe County is a co-permittee with Lafayette, West Lafayette, Ivy Tech, Purdue University, Dayton, and Battleground. In addition to evaluating the local program, this audit will be used by the Department to evaluate our internal process. The audit was completed in two phases. Reggie Korthals, MS4 Coordinator for IDEM, completed an assessment of the MS4 Public Education, Public Involvement, and Good Housekeeping/Pollution Prevention Minimum Control Measures. Storm Water Specialist Doug Wolf completed the field portion of the Audit where he evaluated the Construction Run-off program. This process included projects that were regulated by the MS4 as well as those that are owned/operated by the MS4. Additional MS4 entities are scheduled for Audits over the next several months. Our objective is to have the first four minimum control measures evaluated for all MS4s by the end of 2010.

SSCB Meeting September, 2008

NRCS State Conservationist Report

Emergency Watershed Protection Update

17 EWP exigency projects are complete, for around \$770,000. There are 6 more exigency projects underway, for an additional \$1 million. Currently there are 53 requests being processed for non-exigency projects, at around \$1.6 million, with many more anticipated.

Floodplain Easement Program (FEP)

NRCS has an open sign-up period for FEP from now until October 1, and a continuous sign-up for some time after that. FEP is a permanent easement program, available only in emergency situations following natural disasters. To be eligible the land must have flooded at least twice in the last 10 years, and once in the last 12 months. Landowners retain ownership, but some restrictions are put on the land. The easement is permanent, remaining on the land if it is sold. Recreational uses such as hunting, hiking and birding are permitted, and the landowner controls access to the land. Each county has a designated easement payment rate that is roughly based on land values in the county.

Contribution Agreements

Thirty six requests were received from SWCDs for Contribution Agreements in Fiscal Year 2008. Of these, NRCS was able to enter into 12 agreements, six for Technical Assistance and six for Contract Administration. We look forward to being able to continue these types of partnership opportunities in Fiscal Year 2009.

FY 2008 Programs Update

- The **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** has obligated \$19.3 million.
- The **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)** has obligated \$1.3 million.
- The **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)** has obligated \$5.9 million to date.
- The **Ground and Surface Water Program**, a component of EQIP, has obligated \$235,400.

Summer Staffing Update

- Darrell Nicholson, SE Area Conservationist, SE Area Office (North Vernon)
- Cory Wolfe, Area Agricultural Engineer, SW Area Office (Vincennes)
- Duane Riethman, Area Agricultural Engineer, NE Area Office (Fort Wayne)
- Jeff Cannaday, Area Agricultural Engineer, NW Area Office (Lafayette)
- John Young, District Conservationist, Logansport (Cass County)
- Wesley Slain, District Conservationist, New Castle (Henry County)
- Brandy Daggett, District Conservationist, Frankfort (Clinton County)
- Edwin Sprunger, Soil Conservationist, Angola
- Eamonn Ertel, Soil Conservationist, Lebanon Tech Team
- Tandy Easler, Civil Engineering Technician, Albion Tech Team
- **Retirement:** David Elgin, Four Rivers RC&D Coordinator, Petersburg